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Habitat for Humanity Heartland Ontario Partners with Unity Project to Update Shelter Facility

July 21, 2020, London, Ontario - Habitat for Humanity Heartland Ontario is proud to partner with Unity Project in London on a renovation project to refurbish and upgrade the current Unity Project facility at 717 Dundas Street. Unity Project offers a home-like shelter environment for adults and youth of all genders, aged 16 and up. Habitat Heartland's renovations will work towards Unity Project's goal of making a stay at their shelter as comfortable and productive as possible. Habitat Heartland's team of construction volunteers will make upgrades to the facility's sleeping areas, common areas, and kitchen.

"The partnership between Habitat Heartland and Unity Project is a natural one," says Brian Elliot, CEO Habitat for Humanity Heartland Ontario. "Both organizations strongly believe that housing solutions and homeownership are stabilizing and empowering forces that should be available to everyone. This renovation project is a great opportunity for Habitat Heartland to widen our impact on housing in the community. We also look forward to bringing our construction volunteers back to help with this project, as they have been patiently waiting to safely return to our job sites."

Thanks to The Home Depot at 448 Clarke Road for their generous donation of all the paint required for this project.

Due to COVID, Unity Project has temporarily placed the individuals from their shelter in local hotels to ensure everyone is safe and socially distancing. The timing of this renovation means that Habitat Heartland has the opportunity to safely and efficiently make improvements to the facility before participants return to the shelter.

The Unity Project and Habitat Heartland refurbishment project will commence on July 20th in accordance to provincial guidelines around COVID-19 health and safety protocols.

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About Habitat for Humanity Heartland Ontario

Habitat for Humanity Heartland Ontario believes that everyone has the right to the confidence, security and hope that a home provides. Affordable homeownership is key to building strong, equitable and thriving communities. By mobilizing volunteers and community partners, Habitat Heartland provides opportunities for families in Middlesex, Elgin, Oxford and Perth counties to achieve affordable and sustainable homeownership. For more information, please visit www.habitat4home.ca.

About Unity Project

Unity Project offers a home-like shelter environment for adults and youth of all genders, aged 16 and over. Life skills are embedded in participatory programming, where participants have personal accountability. Unity Project provides services and support to over 1000 individuals annually across all programming, diverting people from shelter wherever there is opportunity, and provide in-the-moment stability for those in crisis. Each participant is empowered in their own process toward housing, while engaging every available community resource. Homelessness is a crisis that a person experiences; it does not define a person! For more information, please visit www.unityproject.ca

